

Acupuncture Licensing Board Minutes

October 7, 2003

Room 428

Heber Wells Building

Convened: 9:17 am

Adjourned: 10:18 am

Division Staff Present:

Assistant Director of DOPL
Bureau Manager
Board Secretary

Laura Poe, RN, MS
Dan Jones
Lee Avery

Members Present:

Flo McNeely, Chairperson
Elaine T. L
Carol M. Zoellner

Members Absent

Douglas Barney, Dr.
Sherri Lindstrom

Guests:

Kris Justesen
Bret Ottley

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

Minutes of May 14, 2003

Swear in New Board Members

Elect a new Board Chairperson

Goals Planning – Mr. Jones

DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes of May 14, 2003 were reviewed. Ms. Lu motioned to accept with corrections, seconded by Ms. Zoellner. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lu and Ms. Zoellner were sworn in as new Board members.

Ms. Zoellner nominated Ms. Lu as the new Board chairperson. After a brief discussion Ms. Zoellner withdrew her nomination of Ms. Lu and nominated Ms. McNeely. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones stated since this is a new Board with several new members, he asked the Board to consider the goals it would like to achieve over this next year. The Board was encouraged to bring ideas, concerns back.

Mr. Jones gave the Board copies of a handout completed by Ms. McNeely regarding the "Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists" for its review and discussion at the next Board meeting.

Ms. McNeely stated she would like to see the title of Acupuncturists changed to "Licensed Acupuncturists". After discussing this in detail and reviewing the current statutes, it was noted "Licensed Acupuncturists" is an approved title and can be used by any licensed acupuncturist without changing the statutes or rules.

Ms. Zoellner states she would like to see the Board look into requiring continuing education when renewing state licenses. The Board discussed this in detail, possibly requiring a "current NCCOAM" certification. This program requires fifteen (15) hours a year to keep their certification current. Ms. Zoellner motioned to study this, seconded by Ms. Lu. The motioned carried unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed the Chiropractor Physicians advertising they are Acupuncturists. Mr. Jones stated the Chiropractic Board has discussed this in detail in their meetings and determined a Chiropractic Physician who has received the appropriate training can do Acupuncture, but they cannot advertise they are "Acupuncturists". Mr. Jones stated he will look into those Chiropractic Physicians who are advertising they are "Acupuncturists". Mr. Jones advised the Board there are two Chiropractic Physicians who are NCCOAM Certified.

Mr. Jones reviewed with the Board how the statutes and rules are developed. Mr. Jones said the rules can be more restrictive, not less restrictive than the statutes.

Mr. Jones advised the Board the statutes are set by the Utah State Legislatures and the rules are established by the division in collaboration with the Board, the Professional Boards are an advisory to the Director of this Division

Mr. Jones stated the Division will assist the professions and associations with their proposals to the Utah State Legislatures, however, it will not sponsor legislation.

Senate Bill 67 review - Mr. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board the Occupational and Professional Licensing review committee is meeting, Monday, October 20, 2003 at 1:00pm room 129 at the Utah State Capital to review the regulation of Acupuncturists

The Board discussed its many concerns regarding the possibility of deregulating the Acupuncturists in detail. Many of the concerns were regarding untrained individuals re-using needles with out proper sterilization, the spreading of diseases i.e. AIDS, Hepatitis, etc. Ms. McNeely will attend this meeting, representing the Board.

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2004

Date Approved

Chairperson, Acupuncture Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Div. of Occupational & Professional Licensing